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## PROSECUTION HITS HARDMAN HARD

Fellow Prisoner Gives Damaging  
Testimony Against Accused  
In Renaker Murder Trial.

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 14.—A blackjack was the instrument with which the blow which crushed the skull of Leon Renaker was dealt, Scobee Hardman told him in the Clark county jail, John Schumaker, a prisoner, confined in "the cage" with Hardman at the time, testified as a witness for the prosecution.

Talkative, after drinking whiskey given to him in the jail by "Ike" Miller, Fayette county farmer now under sentence for violation of the federal prohibition act, and boastful in his belief that keys filed by him in his cell would make possible and escape preparatory to a flight to France, Schumaker said Hardman declared he "didn't give a damn now," who knew about the Renaker murder.

Hardman did not, Schumaker said, ever say definitely that he killed Leon Renaker, but he did say, according to the witness, that it was a blackjack, not a lead pipe or automobile jack, with which Renaker was killed and added that he knew about it and Reese Fox didn't, because "Reese stayed on the outside."

Schumaker declared Hardman told him that when he and Fox crossed the Kentucky river "that night" the ferryman could not have told who they were; that on the other bank they walked down the stream for a short distance and threw the death instrument into the water.

Schumaker, now under a penitentiary sentence for the murder of his father, under a rigid cross examination, denied that he turned state's evidence under promise of assistance in his own case or with that in view.

Declaring that with "Ike" Miller and Hardman, he discussed the jail delivery, Schumaker said he told of Hardman's declaration to him the first time, when at a court of inquiry held after keys to the doors of the jail were found in the hands of prisoners, he was asked, when under oath, if Hardman had talked to him of the Renaker case.

A death pact, formed at night and entered into in the belief that both soon would leave New York separately as fugitives from justice, headed for France, was agreed to at Hardman's demand when the key plot was being formulated, Schumaker said. If either man broke that pact, Schumaker said, the other man was to kill him.

He said he "didn't want to tell," but when under oath and after vigorous questioning, he didn't know what to do but tell everything he knew.

Oliver Davis, friend of Hardman, and at whose home the defendant attended a birthday party the night of July 24, the eve of the murder testified, prior to the introduction of Schumaker that it was he who had taken three files, a knife and a piece of steel to Hardman for use in making keys. He said Hardman had in his possession impressions of the keys of the jail.

Schumaker, to whom Jailer Carroll Azbill had shown kindness while a prisoner, declared he gave the jailer one key and warned him of the jail delivery plot, because he didn't want to see the jailer "get in trouble."

The cross examination became so heated during the afternoon, that frequent objections, protests to the court and delays for conferences with Judge Shackelford resulted.

The defense laid particular stress on questions to Schumaker as to the fact that he was under life sentence for murder in his case now being before the court of appeals, and that Commonwealth's Attorney William Baxter and County Attorney H. H. Moore, prosecutors in this case, prosecuted Schumaker.

The crowd seeking admittance was so great at night that the pressure broke the central doors leading to the courtroom. The crowd was unable to effect an entrance, however, and attorneys, press representatives and persons carrying cards of admittance literally had to fight their way in.

Hardie Smith was the outstanding witness of the forenoon session.

Hardin Smith, ferryman at Boonesboro, testified he ferried both men across the river after midnight on July 24th. He said both men were in an automobile.

Smith said that he lived in Madison county all the 32 years of his life. He said he was the son-in-law of W. M. Asher, who operates the ferry. He said on the night of July 24 he saw Hardman cross the ferry after midnight in a Dodge roadster with Reese Fox, Fox driving. He said there was a large party on the river that night. He said he was particularly attracted to the car because the men continually blew their horn.

He said he didn't know where they went after they crossed the ferry. He said on cross examination that the only time he ever saw Ora Slater, private detective, was when Slater came up to him during the war, in Cincinnati, and asked him for his registration card. He said he had never forgotten him.

He said he first saw Scobee Hardman at the beach at Boonesboro and knew him. He said that anybody named Ashcraft worked on the ferry the night of July 24. He said that the large party was over soon after he took Fox and Hardman across the river.

He said he took Harvey Ringo and a man named Crech across the ferry earlier in the night. This, he said, was 40 or 50 minutes before he took Fox and Hardman across.

Smith was put under vigorous cross examination in an attempt to prove that he had a motive in testifying, changed his story since the examining trial or had been told what to say.

He was on the stand more than an hour. During his testimony he declared that after Hardman's examining trial Sheriff J. Dee Bush had quizzed him in an effort to confuse his story.

At the examining trials of Hardman and Fox, Smith said that the conversation took place in an ante room of the courthouse after he had testified in the trial and that Sheriff Bush asked him to describe the clothes Hardman and Fox wore and other details he did not know in an effort to discredit his story. He further said that the sheriff asked him to name men he had taken across the river two or three years ago, and he, of course, could not remember who they were.

James Nolcini, witness for the defense, then talked to him at the same time in an effort to make him admit, Smith said, that he told the wrong story on his witness stand.

At the examining trials of Reese Fox, Sheriff Bush was put on the stand by the prosecution which charged he not only failed to co-operate with the other authorities in investigation of the murder, but actually obstructed the investigation.

Thomas Blackey, of Winchester, testified he heard a rapidly moving automobile coming down the street from the direction of the Renaker home but did not see it. He said it was after midnight but he could not fix the day of the week.

Miss Ella Hazelwood, of Lohst Grove, Clark county, said she was on the large party at the river on the night of July 24. She said at 25 minutes to 2 o'clock she saw a roadster automobile come to the river, that the horn blew quite a number of times, which attracted her attention. She said she didn't know either of the two men in the car.

Miss Irene Dillon corroborated the story of Miss Hazelwood, her aunt, in regard to the barge and the time. W. A. Mason, of Mt. Sterling, who was with his wife and mother-in-law on the barge party, testified that he also saw the car.

William Jennings Barker, son of Milton Barker, of Athens, Fayette county, also saw it. Ed McKee, negro, of Clintonville, Bourbon county, who said

he had known Scobee Hardman for years and knew his father, Lee Hardman, said he was on the pike which ran from Clintonville to the Winchester pike early on the morning of July 25. He said he saw Dodge roadster that morning and he didn't know the name of the man who was driving but that Scobee Hardman was in the car with him. This was before sunrise, he said.

Levy Goff, a grain merchant, testified that he bought rye from E. S. Darnaby, for whom McKee worked, and verified the date on which the negro saw the roadster.

Henry Haggard, who in July worked for a grocery, said he knew Hardman and Mrs. Renaker. He said that Hardman had bought groceries which Mrs. Renaker later paid for. He said Leon Renaker had no bill there.

S. T. Davis, of Benton and Davis, counsel for Mrs. Renaker, said in event of double indemnity in case of accidental death, the sum of insurance would be \$52,300. He said under Renaker's will his estate went to Mrs. Renaker. He said at the time of Leon Renaker's death he had approximately \$75,000 worth of cold storage eggs, not paid for by him but on which he must accept whatever losses there were and from which he would receive any profit made.

Schumaker Tells Of Keys

Schumaker said he first met Scobee Hardman in jail. He said he was on the floor with Hardman and had had numerous conversations with him. He said Ike Miller first got impressions of the jail keys. He had a talk with Hardman and that he and Hardman planned to escape.

Hardman received his meals, Schumaker said, from a restaurant. Hardman had a number of silver case knives and impressions of practically all the keys in the jail and some keys, three in all, he thought. He said Scobee was making a key to the downstairs door.

Schumaker testified that O. M. Morgan, of Carlisle, a detective, employed by the defense, took the keys to Hardman under a layer in a box of cigars. The key to the big door, leading into "the cage" was fully made, Schumaker said. Schumaker declared that in the presence of Ike Miller, Hardman said, "There's no use to go to the penitentiary when you can get out, for you'll be too old to be any account when you get out."

Hardman told him, Schumaker said, that they would go to New York separately after their escape, then meet in France, where "they never can get us."

The witness said that after the investigation began Mrs. Clyde Douglas, Hardman's sister, took away two keys.

Concerning the killing of Leon Renaker after the key episode, Schumaker said, Hardman "got pretty well stewed on some whisky that Miller brought."

Hardman, Schumaker said, told him "I've got the keys now and I don't give a damn what anybody knows about the killing." He said Hardman, under the influence of Miller's liquor, declared that Renaker was killed with a blackjack. He did not, Schumaker said, say who killed Renaker, but merely said he "knew how Renaker was killed" and also declared he knew more about the case than Reese Fox, as "Reese was on the outside."

Asked if he knew a boy named George Warner, Schumaker said some of the statements in regard to the keys were made before Warner, but nothing concerning the murder.

Hardman said he would take his razor and cut Warner's "damn throat" if he told anything, Schumaker said.

Schumaker said he broke a file after he and Hardman had had an argument about Hardman's filing the key on his Bible, cutting the cover. He said he objected and Hardman said: "These keys are more important than the Bible." One night, Schumaker said, Hardman received a letter which he put in his shirt before he went to sleep, declaring it was very important.

The keys of the jail were sent for by Attorney Wallace Muir on the cross examination of Schumaker, who said he knew the numbers of the keys for seeing them in the jailer's hand. Schumaker said he was not sure how he had known the keys. He

was then asked if he had not carried the keys. He said he had at times, in the jailer's presence, opened doors with them.

In regard to the improvised keys of which Hardman was the locksmith, Schumaker denied he had tried to get Mrs. Douglas to take away keys for him, but said Mrs. Douglas warned Hardman that the jail was to be raided and urged him to get rid of the keys. He said Hardman cursed her for being afraid of being searched.

Schumaker also testified that George Wycoff, attorney for the defense, had sent word to Hardman, warning him of the prospective raid.

Schumaker declared he had been promised no gain for telling his story nor any aid by Commonwealth Attorney and County Attorney in his own case for testifying against Hardman.

Jailer Azbill, next witness, said John Schumaker gave him one of the keys which was being made by Hardman. Hardman's meals, Jailer Azbill said, were brought to him from an outside restaurant. When the first key was found, the jailer said, Hardman was on the second floor. He said Hardman was sick for a week and confined to his bed the greater part of that time. He said Hardman asked to be moved to the third floor on this account, but this request was refused.

The jailer said he had not let John Schumaker have the keys to the jail but he had possibly used them at times when he or other prisoners were present. The jailer said that prior to the key episode he did not know of any prisoner who had been permitted to go outside. He declared Ike Miller did not to his knowledge, have access to his keys. Mr. Azbill said that he had taken Miller out to the doctor and to the barber shop and also that Howard Gilbert had taken him seven miles in the county.

After the key incident, Mr. Azbill said he obtained two letters from Scobee Hardman. These were read privately by Judge Shackelford, who was asked to act on their competence.

Hardman To Take Stand

According to the Winchester Sun, Scobee Hardman, on trial for his life, in connection with the murder of Leon Renaker, will be put on the stand in his own defense.

"There was some difference of opinion among his attorneys at first," the Sun says "whether the step would be advisable, but developments of Tuesday decided them in favor of it."

Hardman, the Sun adds, is showing the strain of the trial.

10 More Witnesses

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 14.—More than 10 witnesses will be examined in the trial of Scobee Hardman charged with the murder of Leon Renaker, before the state closes its case today.

Attorneys for the defense said it is probable that Hardman will be placed on the stand before night, depending upon how long it took the state to finish its evidence.

The first witnesses for the state today were John Bentley, Jesse Schumaker, Ben Martin and George Warner, who testified about the alleged attempts of Hardman to escape jail several weeks ago by means of duplicate keys. One witness said he saw Hardman making a key to the jail doors, one made from a piece of steel and two others from case knives.

Courtroom attendants are still talking today about the testimony of John Schumaker, in jail under a life sentence for killing his father. He said Hardman told him Renaker was killed with a blackjack and the instrument was thrown into the Kentucky river. He said Reese Fox stood outside the Renaker home when Renaker was slain.

16th, at Maroon Temple. Baptist bazaar—Saturday, Dec. 16th.

BAPTIST BAZAAR  
Saturday, Dec. 16th  
Doors Open 9:30 a. m.  
EVERYBODY COME

## Condemned for Treason



This is the first picture to reach this country showing the sentencing to death of the high Greek officials who were held responsible for the military debacle by the military committee of the new government. Demetris Gounaris, former premier, is shown here with his hand at his forehead listening to the testimony which sent him before a firing squad.

## TURKS WANT TO JOIN THE LEAGUE

(By Associated Press)

Lausanne, Dec. 14.—Turkey will join the League of Nations as soon as peace is signed at Lausanne, Ismet Pasha announced at the Near East conference today. Ismet's announcement is interpreted as meaning that Turkey will accept the League's supervision over the Christian people of Turkey.

## HARDING APPROVES CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Harding in a letter read today at the opening session of the National Council of the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Associations, declared that he knew of "no single movement that promises more help toward permanent relief and permanent betterment of agricultural conditions" than the co-operative organization of the farmers to market their products. The letter was read by Senator Ernst of Kentucky, as a greeting to the council.

## TWO ACRES BRING FINE CROP OF WEED

The tobacco on the farm of Misses Emma and Ann DeJarnette which received such a high advance at the opening of the pool warehouse this week was grown by Johnny Baker and not by Turner as was stated yesterday. Two acres of weed produced 4,269 pounds, for which the advance was \$20.32 per hundred, as a third of its valuation. This brought in \$866, which was a pretty good start, and the other two-thirds will be paid when the burley pool crop is sold.

Four bungalow spreads, sheet and pillow slip sets, towels and etc. will be seen at Mrs. Anderson's table Saturday at Maroon Temple.

## COLVIN TALKS TO SCHOOL HEADS

(By Associated Press)

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 14.—George Colvin, state superintendent of the county school superintendents' convention here today, appealed to the superintendent of the state to "take the schools out of politics and place the new institutions where they are needed." He said the new schools should not go to points to satisfy community pride or reward efforts of lobbyists. The superintendents were urged to use their efforts toward enactment of a law permitting counties to float bond issues for school improvement.

NORMAL FARM TO SELL  
ON DECEMBER 30th

The Normal School farm on the Barnes Mill pike will be offered at Public Sale on the premises at 11 o'clock a. m., December 30th. Full description and other details will appear in this paper at an early date. For advance information see T. J. Coates, Paul Burnam or F. C. Gentry.

## 4 Weather Forecast

Rain tonight and Friday; cold, or Friday afternoon.

## Thursday's Livestock Markets

Louisville, Dec. 14.—Cattle 300, slow and unchanged; hogs 2900, 15c lower, tops \$8.25; sheep 100, steady and unchanged.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Hogs 5, 800, heavies and packers \$8.25; mediums \$8.30; lights and pigs \$8.50; sows \$7; stags \$5. 50; cattle, steady; calves \$6 to \$11; sheep \$4 to \$6; lambs \$5, \$9 to \$14. Chicago, 55,000 hogs, \$8.25; 15,000 cattle.

## LITTLE THEATRE CLUB TO GIVE "CLARENCE"

"Clarence," the comedy by Booth Tarkington, which has met with such unprecedented success, will be presented Monday evening in the Normal School auditorium by the Little Theatre Club for the benefit of the school's student loan fund. All will remember "Under Cover" which met with great success last season when it played to capacity houses for two performances in Richmond under the auspices of the organization. Coleman Covington is excellent in his interpretation of "Clarence" about whom the story is centered. It is with easy grace that he plays the returned soldier who did no more in the war than drive a mule without swearing but creates undue excitement in the Wheeler household. Mr. Covington will be remembered for his unusual acting in "Whose Little Bride Are You?"

Bobby Wheeler, a man bored with life at the age of 17, is done with the technique of an old-timer by Edgar Higgins, although this is his initial appearance on the stage. He is at all times greatly worried by his young sister, Cora, which Glena Wood handles with marked talent. Her vivacious personality makes for the brightness of the entire household. Miss Wood has histrionic ability of no mean degree and will indeed charm all who see her.

Joséphine Smith, as Mrs. Wheeler, is a strong support for Russell Davis, who plays the part of Mr. Wheeler with such convincing style that one almost believes he has experienced the stern reality of life.

Dorland Coates presents the rejected lover of Miss Piney, played by Edna Davis, in good style. He did splendid work in the production of last season, "Under Cover." Miss Davis is strong in her presentation of the governess for Cora, the petted daughter of the Wheeler home.

The cast would not be complete without the little Irish maid so admirably done by Luta Anderson and the butler by William French Todd.

See Mrs. Mullins for pain bungalow and fancy aprons at the Baptist bazaar Saturday. It

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## GERMANY ABOUT TO COLLAPSE

Bonar Law Gives Startling Information To House Of Commons Today

(Associated Press)

London, Dec. 14.—Germany is very near a collapse, Prime Minister Bonar Law told the House of Commons today. He declared this is the only information he could give the House on the subject of reparations.

## COLLINS SAYS IT'S A HUGE JOKE

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 14.—Sam Collins, state prohibition director, today branded as newspaper gossip "the published reports that federal agents are assembling here for renewed efforts to capture Bob and Charles Ballard, wanted in connection with the killing of Prohibition Agent R. E. Duff and Posseman David Treadway in the mountains of Menifee county last Saturday and Sunday." He said also his office had never called for troops because he feels the federal agents are capable of handling the situation in their own way at the proper time. He also said "this talk of bombing planes and 500 federal troops to storm the mountains is so absurd it is a joke."

## DISCIPLES HAVE CANVASS SUNDAY

A big annual event in the program of the First Christian church will take place Sunday. It is the Every Member Canvass for the church budget and will represent the best organized effort of this kind in the history of the church. The local church is notable throughout the state in the matter of its organization and there is no feature of the work in which this is more evident than that in which the 750 members are canvassed for the annual budget in three hours. The canvass will take place on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00 and will be participated in by 52 men, besides the office force which will be in touch with the teams by telephone during the three hour period. There will be four divisions in the organization each led by a captain and made up of teams of two men each.

The men will meet for the set-up dinner on Friday evening at the First Christian church at 6:30. The dinner will be served by a committee of women from the church and is an event in which an invitation is always coveted.

The members of the teams will be presented to the congregation in the service on Sunday evening. The budget will be passed on by the congregation and at 2:00 Sunday afternoon all members of the teams will assemble at the church ready for the drive. The budgets proposed this year are larger than ever before and include a number of new items in the forward program of the church which has come to be one of the most effective institutions of the Disciples of Christ in Kentucky.

Candy in small bags, big bags, in fancy boxes, for small folks and big folks, will be made by expert candy makers at Mason Temple Saturday, 16th. It

Deny Daugherty Shadowed

Washington, Dec. 14.—Charges that operatives of the Department of Justice shadowed members of Congress, who attacked Attorney General Daugherty were made and denied today before the House judiciary committee at a hearing on the impeachment charges against the attorney general. The prosecution asserted that Senator Caraway, Representatives Woodruff and Johnson had been shadowed. Counsel for Daugherty said "It is impossible."

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